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Driver in crash left hurt girl at scene

A MAN fled the scene after knocking over a 12-year-old girl with his father's car that he had taken without permission to get some fast food, a court heard.

Daniel Lea, of Belbroughton Road, Stourbridge, was on his way home from McDonalds when he hit the girl, who was flung on to the bonnet and windscreen and suffered bruising and grazes.

The 21-year-old had gone to his father's work and taken the keys to the Ford Focus without speaking to him, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

He left the girl at the scene and drove off before later admitting what he had done, the court was told.

Mr David Truelove, prosecuting, said the accident happened in Moor Street in Brierley Hill last November.

Lea drove from the scene and dumped the car in Foxdale Drive, Brierley Hill.

Mr Truelove added: "He then rang his father who told him he must go to the police station immediately and tell them everything, which he then did."

Lea admitted driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence, using a car without insurance and failing to stop. Mr Truelove said Lea had previous convictions for driving offences.

The case was adjourned for a pre-sentence report.

Brass bands in the parks

PARKS across the Dudley borough will be filled with the sound of brass bands this summer with free Sunday concertsin Himley Park, Stevens Park, Quarry Bank and Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge.

Alverley Village Band will be performing at Himley Hall on June 24, followed by the AD Concert Band on July 22 and August 5. Paul Drakeley and the Allstars Band take to the bandstand at Mary Stevens Park on July 8 and July 29.

COLLEGE PUTS ITS REVAMP ON HOLD

By Heather Large

PLANS for a £500,000 revamp of Stourbridge College have been put on hold following objections and they may be forced back to the drawing board.

Proposals for the redevelopment of the entrance and reception at the Hagley Road site have sparked complaints from people living nearby and also Stourbridge MP Margot James.

The college has decided to delay the project while discussions continue with Dudley Council planning officers.

Merry Hill's Sunday hours grow

MERRY Hill shopping centre will be open for longer on Sundays throughout the summer to cash in on the Olympics as a boom in visitors is expected.

The Brierley Hill centre will be open for two hours longer after the Government relaxed the Sunday trading laws to help boost trade during the Olympics, when it is estimated more than one million people will visit the UK.

The Chancellor, George Osborne, proposed changes in his budget so large shops could trade for more than six hours.

The laws have been suspended for eight weekends from July 22 during the Olympics and Paralympics.

Merry Hill will be open between 10am and 6pm from July 22 and September 9, instead of 11am until 5pm.

Owners Westfield, will run events and entertainment through the summer.

The scheme, which follows the building of a £1 million fitness suite and computer area for students, include replacing the current entrance with a modern white facade.

The college had hoped to start work during the summer break but around 20 people have written to the council objecting to the scheme.

Planning officers are reviewing the objections and the college will wait to hear what their advice before deciding whether to make any changes to the plans.

Principal Lynette Cutting said: "We have put our plans on hold and will continue to work with all parties concerned to gain planning permission to carry out the refurbishment next summer."

Ms James said in her letter of objection: "The white colour of the proposed extension will be in stark contrast to the more traditional colours and materials of neighbouring buildings."

Stourbridge Township Council had also raised concerns about the plans saying the new entrance would be incompatible with the older buildings in the area.

Volunteers rewarded for work



Kate Green from Dudley CVS presents the award to Gemma Dufield, Jenny Hawkins and one of the children

VOLUNTEERS from a Stourbridge charity are celebrating after being given an accolade which recognises all their hard work.

KIDS Orchard Centre, based in Lye, received the award from Dudley CVS's Building Blocks programme, which is a quality kite mark for voluntary organisations in Dudley.

The centre provides support for disabled children, young people and their

families across the borough and also in Sandwell.

Centre staff spent six months working towards the award.

Jayne Weaver, manager at KIDS Orchard, said: "Our team has worked really hard to achieve this award and we are all very proud to be recognised for the time and commitment that we have made."

"Our charity is working in an

increasingly tough and competitive environment and this award can only make our organisation stronger and better equipped to face a bright future."

Activities offered at the centre include craft sessions, drama, dance, sport and youth and after school clubs.

Building Blocks aims to ensure that organisations are fit to deliver public services.

Progress but wait on chippy open date

A RENOVATION project to transform a disused pub in Wordsley into a fish and chip shop, which will create jobs, is moving forward.

Work to turn the former Vine pub into a branch of Goodies has been going on for several months for months with the site extensively renovated.

But staff said while the scheme was progressing, there is no firm date for when it would open.

Owner Spiros Boujouri, who has been involved in chips shops for more than 20 years, carried out a similar project at the former Four Furnaces, Pensnett High Street.

The site has proved popular with residents since it opened in 2010.

It is expected the Wordsley take-away and restaurant will be similar in design to the Pensnett branch.

Planning permission was given last September with the first stages of the work taking place soon after.

Mr Boujouri's nephew Gimys Dimitriou said work on the chip shop was continuing.

"At the moment I cannot say when the new shop will be opening," he said.

"The sign was installed outside the building a few weeks ago and a lot of work has been carried out."

"There has been a lot of good feedback from the area."

Torch prize for students

STUDENTS have been recognised for their Olympic spirit in Stourbridge by creating their own torch.

Glasshouse College, Amblecote, became national winners in the Spirit of the Torch competition run by Lloyds TSB.

Staff and pupils helped make their own torch using skills they learned during classes at the college in Wollaston Road. It has been engraved with Glasshouse College Olympics 2012.

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Diamond couples join mayor for celebrations

THERE was talk of courting, traditional weddings and honeymoons at a diamond tea party for couples celebrating 60 years of marriage.

A total of 25 couples from Dudley borough attended the event, hosted by the Mayor of Dudley, Melvyn Mottram, last week, as part of the borough's jubilee celebrations.

While tucking into sandwiches, strawberries and cream cakes, they talked about their lives and the secret to a long and happy marriage.

Among them was Adrian and Margaret Jones, who met while queuing at the Princess Cinema in Smethwick in 1949. The couple, of Valley Fields, Kingswinford, talked during the intervals, before agreeing to meet the next week.

They married at Holy Trinity Church, Smethwick on August 30.

Retired brewery worker Mr Jones, 82, said: "The marriage has stayed strong because we've always worked together and discussed everything."

Another couple, former teachers William and Mavourneen Heritage, not only shared the year they met who met at a badminton club, tied the knot at St Andrew's Church in Netherton on June 3. Mr Heritage, 89, who taught PE and geography at Tividale School, said: "We have kept the same interests, but also given each other sufficient space."

William and Olwyn Whitehouse met at the Yew Tree pub, Wall Heath. They married at St Mary's Church, Kingswinford in November.



Mayor Melvyn Mottram and mayoress Michelle Mottram toast the diamond couples



William and Olwyn Whitehouse - met at the pub



Former teachers William and Mavourneen Heritage



Adrian and Margaret Jones - met at the cinema

Stumbling man had cannabis

A MAN found to be carrying 16 portions of cannabis worth £180 by police who saw him stumbling down the street with a can of beer has been given a £200 court bill.

Arthur Bates, from Stourbridge, told Dudley magistrates last week that the drugs were for his own use.

The 61-year-old was stopped by officers in Stourbridge town centre.

Bates, of Mable Road, was originally arrested on suspicion of possessing drugs with intent to supply but Mr John Davies, defending, said there was "not a shred of evidence" to suggest the cannabis was not for his own use.

Bates told police he found the drug "relaxing" as he suffered from depression.

He admitted possessing a class B drug and was fined £100 with £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Win price of your glasses

AN OPTICIANS in Stourbridge is offering customers the chance to win back the price of their glasses to help raise money for charity.

Throughout June, anyone who buys glasses from Spec-savers in will be given a raffle ticket in return for a £1 donation to the British Heart Foundation. At the end of the month, the winning ticket will be drawn.

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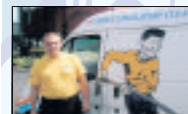
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Former meals-on-wheels base has new charity use

Showing a touch of glass

FORMER workers at a world famous glass factory in Stourbridge are being asked to share their memories, photographs and artefacts as part of a £2.1million project.

They will be used in the new Webb Corbett Visitor Centre being built on the site of the old factory in Wollaston Road, Stourbridge.

It will tell the history of glassmaking and form part of the new Glasshouse Arts Centre which will be used for art exhibitions and events and will also provide training for future glass-makers.

Share

Heritage staff are now calling on former workers of Webb Corbett, other glass-makers and residents to help them collect and preserve memories and artefacts.

They will be able to share their photographs and stories at an event on Saturday.

During the Reflections Day at The Ruskin Glass Centre, Wollaston Road, there will be the chance to preview some of the exhibition.

Former chief glassmaker at Webb Corbett, Malcolm Andrews, who worked there for 30 years, said: "It's great to see the old buildings getting a new lease of life."



Barbara Webb with former chief glassmaker Malcolm Andrews at the centre

A DISUSED charity centre which has been empty since a meals-on-wheels service pulled out of Stourbridge has been given a new lease of life.

The Carlisle Centre, in Victoria Street, closed after the WRVS charity left due to mounting costs.

It had been put on the market for £185,000 following its closure last year.

Bosses of mental health organisation Dudley Mind announced this week they had bought the building ready to open as an advice and training centre.

The charity began a consultation with residents and users today at the premises to discuss which services they wanted to see at the centre.

Delight

Chief executive Martin Mueller said they were already working up some ideas, adding some refurbishment work would be needed to the building.

Councillor Chris Hales, who represents Stourbridge Town and Wollaston, said he was delighted a use for the empty building had been found.

"It is really fantastic news that Dudley Mind are taking over and for Stourbridge itself overall," he added.

There had been fears the building would become an eyesore.

Teas at the hall

CREAM teas will be served and children's activities put on at a garden party at an country house near Stourbridge on Saturday. Four Ashes Hall, Enville, is holding the Great British Garden Party from 1pm to 5pm. There will be baking and flower arrangement competitions, produce stalls and children's fancy dress. Admission is £2 for adults. For details call 01746 710304.

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thechronicle Licence row over street collections chugs along

LOCAL government bosses have waded into the row between charity collectors and Dudley Council, claiming agreements are needed to allow them to continue in the town.

By Adam Burling

Clipboard-wielding charity fundraisers are currently locked in a fight against Dudley Council chiefs over a decision by them, to make collectors carry a permit.

The Public Fundraising Regulatory Association representing the collectors, known as "chuggers" or "charity muggers", says the law does not apply to them as they do not collect cash.

But Dudley Council has ruled that they must carry a licence - and the PFRA is now using a national review to argue its case.

Review

Now the Local Government Association has entered the row and recommended working with the PFRA to co-regulate street fundraising.

In Wolverhampton an agreement has already been drawn up allowing the collectors in Dudley Street on Mondays and Tuesdays, and

Victoria Street on Wednesdays.

In its submission to the national review, being run by Lord Hodgson, the LGA says that it has "committed to further work with the PFRA to promote the voluntary agreement option to councils and increase awareness of the other key elements of self-regulation, such as the code of conduct".

The submission calls for "flexible powers" to allow councils to be able to create the most "effective solutions for their local area".

Councillor Gaye Partidge, cabinet member for human resources, law and governance, said: "Our current position on charity collectors has not changed, however, we will of course consider the latest information from the Local Government Association."

Players help Luis



Netherton Colts treasurer Carl Bottley with under-16s captain Ryan Bottley and Luis Hickman

YOUNGSTERS at a football club have helped raise hundreds of pounds for a six-year-old Stourbridge boy with a rare genetic illness. Netherton Colts raised £1,200 through a raffle at the club's end-of-season presentation nights for each of its 15 youth sides.

The cash was handed over last week to the family of Luis Hickman, from Ambicote, who has a rare genetic illness which means he is unable to talk or walk. The money will go toward paying for specialist equipment for Luis. Netherton Colts treasurer Carl Bottley said: "We are delighted to hand over the cash to such a worthy local cause." The raffle included a football from West Bromwich Albion.

Music night raise cash

A COUNTRY and western night in Hagley raised £1,200 for charity, organisers have announced. It was the fifth time the event, hosted by The Rotary Club of Stourbridge, had been held in the town. Among the performers were Bev Pegg and his Cowboy Band. The money will be donated to good causes including the RNLI. The event was held in May at Hagley Community Centre.

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Death of artist who took up painting at age of 100

Chips and jubilee dancing



Enjoying jubilee fun, from left, Janice Simms, Margaret Bull, Joan Holway, June Richards, Bill Leech and Josy Penko

MEMBERS of an over-50s club got together for a patriotic afternoon of dancing and entertainment to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The group, based at Wordsley Green Community Centre, danced to tunes from the 1940s and 50s and a cake with red, white and blue roses was also made for the event. It was rounded off with renditions of There'll Always Be An England, Jerusalem and God Save The Queen before a fish and chip lunch.

Entertainment organiser Margaret Bull said last week's dance was a great success. She added: "We had a lovely time and everyone made the effort to get dressed up."

A FORMER railway yard worker, who took up watercolour painting at the age of 100, has died after a short illness.

Bill Holden, who was 102, would spend hours producing images of picturesque landscapes and had built up a portfolio of around 80 pieces.

Staff and friends at Comberton Nursing Home, Stourbridge, said he would be greatly missed.

Mr Holden was encouraged to pick up a paintbrush to help keep his mind active.

He would paint from photographs of wildlife and scenery taken by his friend, Don Tompkins.

Speaking when he celebrated his 101st birthday last year, he said: "I enjoy painting - it keeps me busy and I like looking at all the different wildlife."

Earlier this year, he surprised his friend and professional painter Dylan Waldron, who is based in Leicestershire, with two watercolour portraits. Julie Prosser, activities manager at Comberton Nursing Home, said: "He carried out with his painting right up until the time he fell ill."

"He will be greatly missed by everyone because he was such a character and a wonderful man."

Mr Holden worked at the railway yard at Brierley Hill's Round Oak Steel Works from the age of 14 this retirement at 68.

He was born and raised in New Street, Brierley Hill, but later moved to Wall Heath. Although he never had any children and his wife died in 1982, he still had plenty of family and friends to visit him.

Mr Holden died on Monday of last week. Funeral details will be announced later.



Bill Holden

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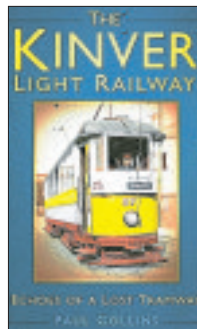
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An official publicity shot used to promote the Kinver Light Railway in its heyday



The book's front cover



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Had it not been for the construction of a water main, Paul Collins is convinced that is exactly what would be happening today.

"I have no doubt that the Kinver Light Railway would be a very popular tourist attraction today," says Paul, author of the Black Country Society's new book about this most romantic of tramways – Kinver Light Railway, which didn't get off to the easiest of starts.

Living

The local authorities didn't want it. A tram fell into the river during construction. And its first passenger arrived in a coffin.

Yet, from the moment it opened in 1901, Britain's first rural tram service transformed the lives of thousands of people.

On its first day alone, a mind-boggling 14,500 visitors clambered aboard. For families living among the smokey chimneys of grimy factories of the industrial Black Country, the fresh air and rolling hills of Kinver Edge were now just minutes away.

For the people of Kinver, their declining industrial village was transformed into a



By Mark Andrews

magnet for tourists. On some days the village's population would grow tenfold as curious visitors flocked to the area. In its record year, the railway attracted more than 850,000 passengers. More typically, the figure was 750,000.

"Could you imagine that, all those people in the pubs, the shops and the cafes at that time?" asks Paul, who has spent the last 20 years giving talks in village halls and community centres about the railway.

His new book, *Kinver Light Railway: Echoes of a Lost Tramway* is the culmination of all the snippets of information he has picked up over the last two decades.

"The line closed 82 years ago. Many of the people I spoke to are sadly no longer with us, and the book was a chance to put down these memories before they are lost forever."

The Kinver Light Railway itself ran for less than five miles, from the centre of the village to the crossroads at the top of Amblecote High Street where the Fish pub used to be.

But at Amblecote it linked up with the Dudley-Stourbridge tram network, which in turn linked up with tramlines to Wolverhampton and other areas, meaning that

Kinver was suddenly within easy reach of much of the industrial Midlands.

Paul says the construction of the line was not without incident. "Just past the Stewponey a temporary line was built to help with the formation of an embankment for the permanent way," he says.

"A steam tram was employed as an engine to move materials around. On one occasion this was moving ballast and, while negotiating the first sharp curve after leaving the Stewponey, jumped the rails and fell into the River Stour."

Fortunately the driver, Andrew Telford, jumped clear before the tram ended up in the water.

Pulled

The new tramway opened to the public on Good Friday, April 5, 1901, but it appeared the first passenger was tram driver Martin Cadman, who had made his final journey along the route two months earlier.

The book tells how Cadman had been driving the Stourbridge-Dudley tram car when he was caught in heavy snow at the foot of Bath Hill in Dudley.

Unable to climb the gradient, he remained in his car until 3am. He went to bed apparently none the worse for his ordeal, but at 11am the next day he died.

Paul says Cadman was highly thought of by the tramway company. His body was pulled along the line on a special trailer made from the bogey of an old tram car, and

it was reported that thousands of people lined the route all the way from Dudley to Wollaston to watch the spectacle. But just as it was the proximity to the Black Country tram network that had made the Kinver Light Railway a runaway success, it was also the closure of these services which led to its demise.

The Dudley-Stourbridge & District Electric Traction Company had suffered badly from the General Strike of 1926, and by the late 1920s the routes were gradually replaced with motor buses.

Starved of its feeder routes, the Kinver Light Railway fell into sharp decline, finally closing in February, 1930.

The final nail in the KLR's coffin came in 1936, when South Staffordshire Water built a pipeline among much of the track bed.

Paul truly believes that were it not for that, the line could well have been reopened as a heritage service which would be running today.

"Could you imagine having a tram running through all that beautiful countryside?" he asks.

● The Kinver Light Railway: Echoes of a Lost Tramway, by Paul Collins, is available priced £12.99 from the Black Country Society, PO Box 71, Kingswinford, DY6 9YN. It is also on sale at Ashwood Nurseries in Kingswinford, Stepalong in Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, Bills Pharmacy in Kinver and the Red House Glass Museum in Wordsley.



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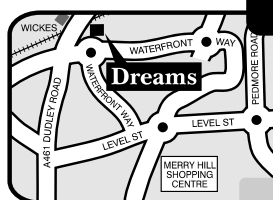


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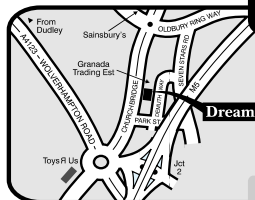
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What waste of time and money

I WAS watching the BBC news and saw that Andy Coulson (David Cameron's ex-Press chief) had been arrested by Strathclyde police officers on suspicion of perjury.

The allegations and reasons for his arrest didn't interest me greatly, but I was surprised to learn that seven police officers and two vehicles were needed and despatched from Glasgow to London to execute the warrant. Seven officers' wages, sustenance, overnight accommodation and fuel costs to cover the eight hundred miles round trip for each vehicle. Talking about a sledgehammer to crack a nut. This is more

Fred Carno's Circus. I may be wrong here, but why did they not put into place the that seemingly implicit practice employed at times where politicians, newspaper editors, captains of industry and the such like are asked by the police to answer to charges of possible malfeasance, and they are invited present themselves at a designated police station. It seems to be a reasonably civil way of conducting things.

Whatever faults or shortcomings Andy Coulson may have, he isn't a murderer, terrorist, rapist, mugger, or given to violence. The charge of perjury, obviously, is a very serious offence. But he

doesn't look like the type to abscond.

Wouldn't it have been better and more simple for the Strathclyde Police to have contacted him, and asked him to make his way to Glasgow for questioning?

It is a Scottish police force, spending Scottish money, at least I think so, but it would be disconcerting to think that, with English police forces being cut to the bone in order to comply with the government directives, excessive and needless costs such as these would be incurred by local forces.

John B Waldron
Allan Close, Stourbridge

Prevention is better than cure for crime

WHEN I was young my parents explained that the threat of prison was first and foremost a deterrent to stop you committing a crime. In those days the thought of a cold barred cell with a straw mattress, a hessian blanket and only very basic meals were all a deliberate part of the deterrent.

It was only if you ignored the deterrent and committed a crime that a prison sentence became a punishment and you knew what to expect so there was no use in complaining about the conditions.

But where is the deterrent with our latest prison which has centrally heated single occupant cells complete with shower, writing desk, telephone and all mod cons? Not only that, but you're found a job, albeit internally, and receive a weekly wage. These conditions are probably better than some of the inmates experienced in the outside world where they were homeless and jobless. So what was once a deterrent is now almost an incentive to commit crime.

And what will happen if we have a cold winter this year? All the tramps and vagrants will be committing minor crimes just so they can do a six month spell in comparative luxury and be let out in time for next spring.

I know a lot of do-gooders will rattle on about character adjustment and rehabilitation but what about the old cliché that prevention (deterrent) is better than cure (prison sentence).

J Chandler, Stourbridge

Why not a British car?

CAN anyone explain why the car accompanying the Olympic Flame in its progress around the nation is a BMW rather than a British-made car? Did not the organisers of the London Olympics realise what a publicity coup this would be for the Germans or do they simply not concern themselves with what happens outside of London?

Keith Davis, Holly Close, Kinver

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Council's attitude on the old terrible

BY CHANCE I went to my 94-year-old mom to find that rats had tried to get into the hallway under the stars of her council house. This was just a day after the rat man had been to another hole in the pantry and six weeks after the rat man had found a break in a downpipe outside my mother's backdoor.

He contacted the council, which, despite his report, sent a young lad to have a look. He decided it needed more men and went away.

Six weeks later and although they sent people to put down a camera and confirm what the rat man had said there has been nothing done and now they have found their way in.

Frantic for my mom's well-being, I phoned the council out of hours number for some help, only to be told that nothing could be done until the report by the men who put down the camera had landed on their desk. I find their "I don't give a toss attitude" terrible and hope it won't happen to them.

I shudder to think what could happen if they attacked mom if disturbed on their nightly forage.

I know it's not big news but I am frustrated and angry at their "it's not important attitude because she's old".

Paul Southall, Shenstone Ave, Norton, Stourbridge

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Take hike at Himley

WALKERS can take in the beautiful surroundings of Himley Hall and Park during a series of summer strolls. Dudley Council has organised them, which are led by experienced guides.

The season starts with a midsummer walk on June 16 that will explore some of Himley's history including the ice house and the dogs cemetery. Afterwards, walkers can take up the once-a-year opportunity to visit the Earl of Dudley's Memory Garden in the grounds of Himley Church. The walk starts at 10.30am.

Glass centre ready soon

A £2.1 million centre for the arts being built in part of a Stourbridge factory will be open to the public in August, it has been revealed.

The former glasshouse, which was part of the Royal Doulton factory, is being transformed into the venue for training, arts exhibitions and events.

The work on the site of the Ruskin Glass Centre, Amblecote, has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Arts Council.

It will be for exhibitions and apprenticeships for glassmaking and will also be also for art exhibitions and events.

An auditorium with seating for 400 people will be built and the existing

Lehr theatre will be refurbished to cater for an audience of 80 visitors as well as having improved sound and lighting equipment.

The exterior will be refurbished including new windows and doors. The glasshouse's insulation will also be improved to ensure all year round use.

Home

It is the second phase of the Glasshouse Redevelopment Project and follows the revamp of some of the old factory buildings to create the Ruskin Glass Centre.

The work cost £1.5m and was completed a year ago with funding from Advantage West Midlands.

The centre is home to 14 small businesses and has been visited by thou-

sands of people since it opened. Ruskin Glass Centre manager Leigh White said: "It's a great opportunity for us and the local community."

"It's great to see things getting up and running, first with the glass centre and now moving forward with this multi-use facility, especially in these tough economic times."

Plans are also being drawn up for the third and final phase of the scheme, which will see most of the remaining semi-derelict commercial buildings refurbished to create more workshop space for the glass centre and a new site reception.

Applications to fund the final phase will be made to the European Regional Development Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Get on your bikes and raise money for charity

STOURBUG, the Stourbridge Bicycle User Group, is organising the Ride for Diabetes UK on Sunday, July 15.

The six rides start and finish at Enville Hall, near Stourbridge.

There is 10 mile family ride, 25, 45 and 63 miles and new for this year, a 100 mile road ride and 30 mile off road.

Stourbug chairman Russell Eden said: "We want to attract a wider range of cycling abilities this year, to create more interest and hopefully raise more for money Diabetes UK."

Diabetes UK supports the 2.8 million people diagnosed with diabetes in the UK. There are an estimated 850,000 people with undiagnosed Type 2 diabetes.

The ride for Diabetes UK has been suc-

cessfully run for 16 years by Sally and Hugh Renny and the committee of the Dudley, Stourbridge and District Voluntary group. However, Stourbug has taken up the challenge of organising it.

Sally Renny said: "We are very pleased that Stourbug have agreed to organise the rides this year."

"We feel that they can attract more cyclists to the event, as they themselves are cyclists."

So, if you are up for a challenge or simply want to dust off your bike and get back on the saddle, organisers say there is a ride to suit everyone. Refreshments and free parking will be available.

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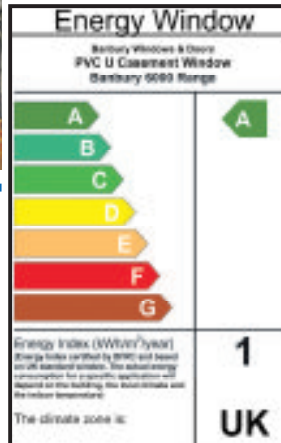
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Wheel be working hard for challenge



Fitness challenge for Lee Smith and Doug Hadlington

TWO super-fit Midland men are warming up and training hard ready for one of the world's toughest fitness challenges - Iron Man.

Father-of-one Lee Smith, from Wolverhampton, has been training for 18 hours a week with his workout partner Doug Hadlington, 48, from Kinver, for the past six months and will be heading to Nice, France, for the gruelling 140.6 mile triathlon on June 24.

Iron Man involves a 2.4-mile sea swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run - all of which must be completed within 16 hours. Mr Smith, who is a company director for Telford firm Cove Care, is hoping to raise cash for children's mental health charity Young Minds.

"I'm a fairly good runner. I've been running for several years now and this is just the next step," said the 42-year-old, of Parkdale West, Wolverhampton, who has run six marathons before plus the Iron Man Lanzarote challenge last year.

"I was petrified before the event last year. I didn't think I would make it. The limit is 16 hours and I did it in just over 14. But I feel a bit better prepared and better trained this time around."

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Church offers music mix at first festival

ASTOURBRIDGE church has announced the line-up for its first ever two day music festival, Live Sessions.

This Friday and Saturday, St Thomas' Church will play host to singer/songwriter Mark Northfield, who was runner-up in the National Songwriting Competition 2011; local artists Katy Rose and the Cavalry Parade, folk group Red Shoes and Abacus, a folk duo from Stourbridge.

There will be an eclectic mix, including bluegrass, acoustic, roots, folk, and pop, to enjoy in the stunning architectural surroundings of the 276-old-year church.

The Rev Ron Curtis, vicar of St Thomas', said: "This is a church with a strong musical history and tradition, but it's also a friendly place, and somewhere that truly belongs to the people of Stourbridge. This is our first venture into this type of music, and we are really looking forward to welcoming new audiences to this, our first Live Sessions festival."

Further information about the festival and ticket booking can be found at www.stthomaschurchmusic.com or by phoning 01384 394185.

First look at scheme for £1.3m college expansion

HERE is a look of how a college's £1.3million expansion project to create extra classrooms on the site of a former nut and bolt factory will look.

Bosses at King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, want to knock down the old De Saulles building in St Johns Road and construct a two-storey teaching block in its place.

It would house a specialist mathematics hub for the 500 students who study the subject every year.

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All classrooms in the block would have hi-tech facilities including interactive whiteboards and wi-fi for students.

The project is being funded by the college, which is based in Lower High Street, with the help of a Government grant of around £875,000.

Director of admissions and learning support, Peter Gray, said: "We're investing to expand our campus and allow more space for our students and upgrade our teaching facilities, in order to build upon the outstanding



How the new King Edward VI College building in Stourbridge will look

results our students achieve. This will be our specialist maths hub, in recognition of the increasing trend for academically-able students to study maths A-levels.

"The college offers five distinct A level courses in maths, and close to 500 students study maths at the college each year, very successfully.

"Having recently upgraded our A-level science labs and many of our teaching rooms we're really excited

about this opportunity to create a modern learning environment from scratch. It includes wi-fi access, the latest classroom technology, and facilities that will enable students to learn in an inter-active and stimulating manner."

The scheme includes landscaped gardens as well as areas for the students to work and relax between classes.

The De Saulles factory has been lying empty since production came to an end years ago.

Sinking feeling with boatyard raid

A FIRM storing a £1.3million powerboat in Brierley Hill has been raided for the 10th time this year.

Thieves broke into Micklewrights and took six alarms. They got in through fire damage following a suspected arson last month at the premises at Thornleigh Trading Estate.

The raid means adventurer Alan Priddy must now wait another week to restart work on his boat, Accomplish More, which he hopes to use for a round-the-world record attempt this

year. But time is tight and Mr Priddy and his team must now work more hours per week for the boat to be ready by November 3.

There have been nine other raids this year, with thieves taking metal and cabling.

Mr Priddy said: "I'm so, so disappointed - these thieves are holding up any work on the boat. I'd rather they came to me and asked for £100 than to break in and delay work further.

"It is too late to build the boat else-

where, but these thefts would make me think twice about locating at the site again."

Mr Priddy says he is now considering bringing in his own 24-hour security to protect his boat, which has so far escaped the hands of the thieves.

Equipment and tools are not left at the site, also believed to have been targeted by arsonists on May 21.

Director Andrew Micklewright said they felt helpless to stop the burglaries.

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Quarry-fight residents' delight as plan rejected

The psychedelic Bard

FAIRIES will fight with plastic bottles and spatulas found on a psychedelic rubbish dump in a Stourbridge theatre group's latest production.

Tickets are selling fast for Dream On, which will be performed by disabled actors from Side By Side Theatre Company at Stourbridge Town Hall this month.

The play mixes Shakespeare with dance, mime, music and visual effects and is based on A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Individual preview scenes from the play have already won several awards at drama festivals, while Side by Side also recently performed in Stratford as part of the Royal Shakespeare Company's Open Stages Project.

Director Susan Wallin said: "Side by Side actors and dancers have pushed themselves harder than ever to stage this production which includes tough dance routines and spoken word from Shakespeare."

"Our colourful show is packed with humour, magic, and quite a few surprises and we can't wait for our opening night."

Dream On stars at 7.30pm on June 20 and 21 and 1.30pm on June 22. Tickets are available from the box office at The Well Coffee Shop, High Street, or by calling 01384 441552.



Side by Side cast members Paul Taylor, front, middle, Amanda Hill, left, and Lisa Sprason and back, James Emtage

CAMPAIGNERS battling plans for a new quarry in Wall Heath have spoken of their delight after the proposed development was thrown out.

Angry residents submitted a 3,000-signature petition and 5,500 letters of objection over FG Davis' plans for a site off Mile Flat.

At a meeting of Staffordshire County Council planning committee threw out the scheme last week.

But campaigners were left disappointed after an application for its existing Enville Road site to remain was approved.

Dave Tyler, leader of the Quarries Fighting Fund, said: "This is a victory for the people of Wall Heath and we are really pleased this massive quarry will now not be built."

"But on the other hand we are bitterly disappointed the councillors did not see further than the short-term when granting permission for the quarry in Enville Road."

All 14 councillors on the committee unanimously voted to refuse planning permission for the new quarry.

Committee vice-chairman Councillor Steve Tranter said: "There is not a need for another quarry site at this time. There are concerns over a loss of amenities such as sports fields, and noise and dust that would be created."

Residents had also fought the scheme on the grounds it would lead to extra traffic in the village and increase mud on the roads.

FG Davis had wanted to carry out sand and gravel excavations on the 19-acre Mile Flat site. The firm, which employs 30 staff, had said the new site would lead to at least an extra five full-time jobs.

Its plan to prolong the quarry in Enville Road for 18 months was approved.

It's time for tea

PEOPLE are invited to a tea party on the lawns of St Peter's Church, Lea Lane, Cookley, between 2pm and 4pm, on June 23. Tickets are £3.50 and there will be a raffle and plant stall. If there is rain, it will be held inside the church.

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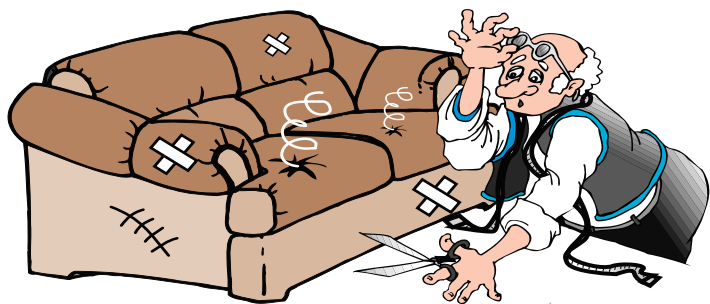
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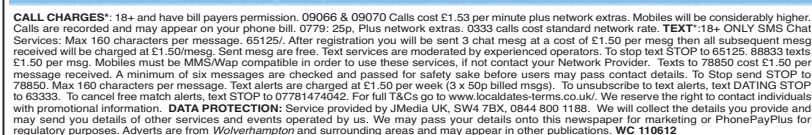
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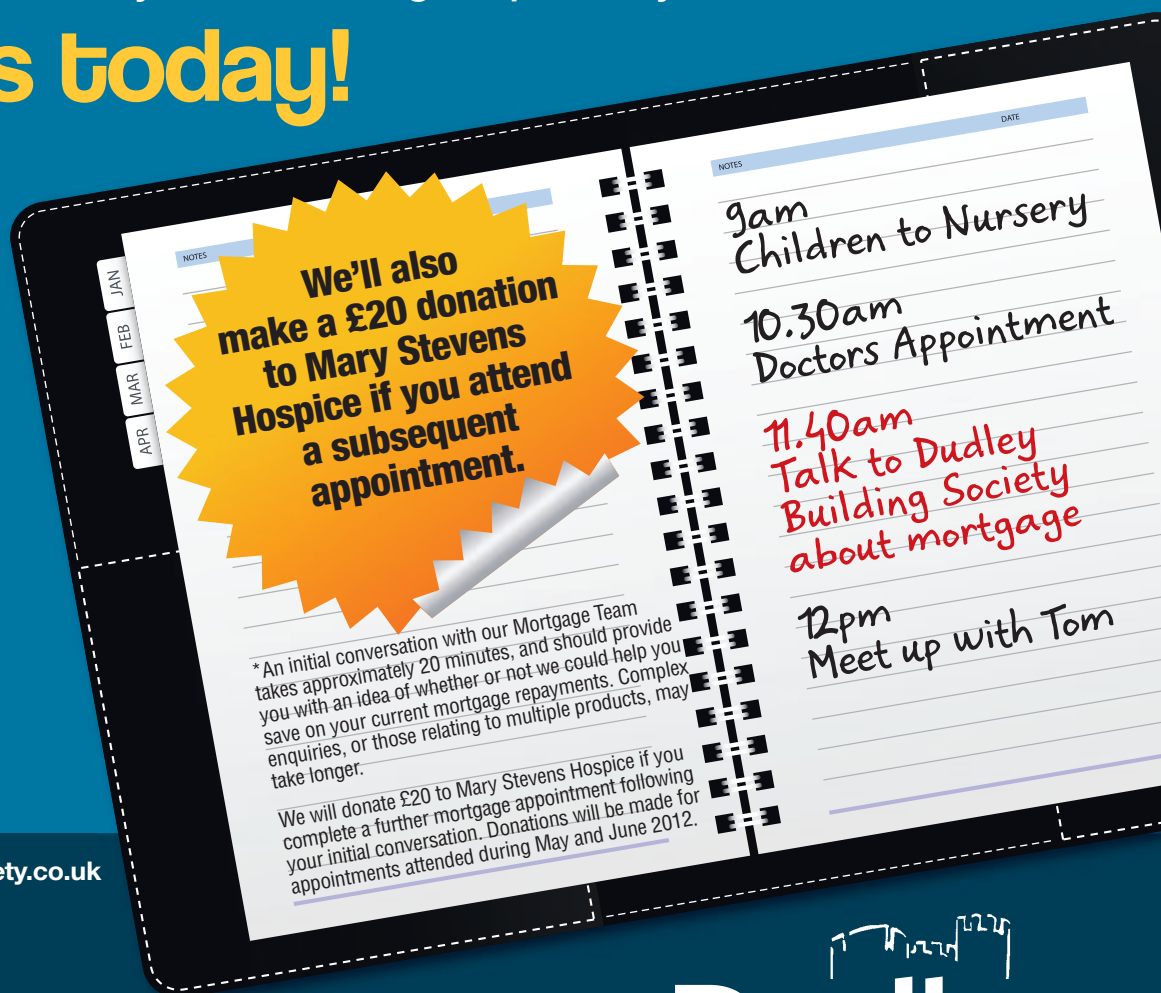
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Jan's help
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Guild joins in the festival of flowers

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OUR May speaker was Jan Golding, chief executive of Roots HR, the only human resource consultancy that is a social enterprise.

The company, founded in 2008, provides consultancy to not-for-profit organisations, predominantly charities, clubs and associations as well as schools, youth organisations and even MPs.

Since the age of six, Jan had been interested in the world of business and wanted to be a professional women with a business suit, briefcase and company car.

Her career began as an Avon Rep before moving on to the television rental company Granada, a software company and a hotel chain during which time she gained HR qualifications.

When based in Exeter, Jan was aware of the city's homeless people and worked as a part-time consultant for a charity helping those with alcohol and drug problems.

Using her experience, she concentrated on running the business side and helped reduce the waste of hard won donations.

Since moving to Kidderminster, Jan founded Roots HR. She feels passionately about helping civil societies achieve positive, trusting and professional relationships with staff which result in the development of the organisation.



Members of Sedgley Evening Guild with the flower arrangement they designed

THE guild was proud to display its flower arrangement in All Saints Church, Sedgley, as part of the church's God Save the Queen Flower Festival.

The subjects represented events during the Queen's reign and ours was Farewell to Hong Kong with artefacts on one side from Great Britain and China, such as the Union flag and the Chinese dragon. It was a splendid event with all the groups and associations in Sedgley contributing. The next

SEDGLEY EVENING GUILD

meeting will be a celebration of the jubilee and in July there will be a talk on Greyhound Rescue in July.

August is the annual outing and meetings will recommence in September with a talk by The Monologue Man.

The guild meets at Sedgley Community Centre on the third Monday in the month at 7.15 pm.

Busy few months lie ahead

A BUSY time is anticipated over the next few months, including having a stall at the Party in the Park, the Wednesbury Carnival, and the annual afternoon tea in August with homemade food being provided members.

Members enjoyed hilarious entertainment provided by comedian David Bartley's

WEDNESBURY GUILD

An evening of Black Country Poetry and Banter.

Committee members recently enjoyed, a meal at the Wolverhampton College Restaurant and intend to pay another visit soon.

An evening of nostalgia was provided by Ian

Edwards with a selection of film memorabilia.

Beautiful weather added to the enjoyment when members celebrated the guild's 26th birthday by visiting the March Hare at Houghton Brackets for lunch, followed by a pleasant afternoon in Stratford-on-Avon.

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Skaters invited to ramp up fun in nearby village

ACTIVE youngsters from Stourbridge who have lost their unofficial skate park have been invited to wheel on up to a flourishing centre in nearby Kinver.

Children were left disappointed when the demolition of the town's Bell Street car park also destroyed their favourite spot to practise their moves.

They have since joined parents and friends in setting up a campaigning committee to fight for an official skate park in the town, which could need £200,000 to funding to be secured.

Neighbouring Wheels Park, Marsh Playing Fields, Legion Drive, Kinver has now invited the youngsters to use its facilities instead.

The village's bike track and skate park opened in 2010 thanks to £100,000 funding through Community Open Spaces Ground Works and another £15,000 raised in smaller grants.

Success

Campaigner Margaret Rogers said: "The skate park has been a huge success and youngsters and young adults used it 365 days a year often from morning till dusk."

The park regularly hosts displays and expert advice sessions and is holding an event this Saturday (June 16) in conjunction with the Kinver Action Group (KAG).

Youngsters can take part in training session from experts from MADD Gear UK from 11am until 4.30pm.

KAG has taken on Gary Rogers, who is an IT teacher, to bring together youth management teams and to co-ordinate events.

Gary is hoping to link with local schools encouraging youngsters to look after the skate park, put on their own events, and develop IT skills by making their own posters, films and web page.

Anyone interested can look at www.facebook.com/pages/Xtremely-Board-Skateboards-Scooters-and-BMX/130879580310421



Invited campaigners are, front Matt Heslop, centre, from left, Ben Houghton, Harvey Harrison, Louis Tromans, and Sammy Davies, back, Joe Shaw, Max Eden, Will Cook, and Reece Bourne

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Eagles have landed award



Club members, including Lynn Boleyn and Annie Woodall, celebrate

VOLUNTEERS at a football club have spoken of their pride after being honoured for their dedication. Kewford Eagles FC, based in Wall Heath, was among a small number of Midland groups to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

It is the highest honour given to volunteer groups across the UK. The accolade recognises outstanding contributions made to communities.

The club's welfare officer Lynn Boleyn said the club, based at the Scout ground, Swindon Road, was used by 500 youngsters. "It is great for everyone to be recognised," she said.

Club president Ian Pound added: "Kewford is a community club providing football for all regardless of age or ability. All volunteers give up many hours every week to help manage and coach the teams."

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a marina near Kingswinford may end up in the hands of the Government.

The proposal to increase the number of boats at Swindon from 199 to 236 will go before council planners again next week, when it is due to be approved.

But, due to the scale and controversial nature of the scheme, it may also be referred to Communities Secretary Eric Pickles.

An office, farm shop, tea rooms, gift shop, viewing gallery and a car park on around 22 acres would also be created.

Those against the project claim it would increase traffic, pollution and general nuisance around the village. Backers say it will boost tourism and create around 10 jobs.

Parking

South Staffordshire Council planning committee was due to decide last month but members deferred it to take another look at the parking situation. It will now go before the committee next Tuesday, when it has been recommended for approval.

A new report, which also revealed the plan may be referred to Mr Pickles, said: "There remain significant benefits associated with the proposed amended scheme."

"It would contribute to the sustainability and economic vitality of the local community and support local businesses such as pubs and shops. The enhanced canal-side facilities accords with the encouragement of tourism that is appropriate in South Staffordshire."

A chance to sail

A FREE sailing taster day will be held at Himley Lake. The event on June 23 is run by experienced members of Himley Hall Sailing Club. The club will provide equipment and a safety boat. Places need to be booked in advance. For further details visit www.himleyhallsc.org.uk or call Tony Sutton on 01384 271447.

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SATURDAY'S TV 16.06.12

CHOICE



Boris Johnson

Into Orbit: A Culture Show Special BBC2, 8pm

In 2010, an intriguing sight began to take shape in the southern area of the Olympic Park in London, reaching its full height in November of last year. The ArcelorMittal Orbit is the UK's largest ever sculpture, and is a great, swooping, twisted frame resembling a nightmarish rollercoaster and housing two observation platforms, which will afford visitors an unparalleled view of the city during the Olympics and beyond. In this special edition of The Culture Show, exclusive interviews help to tell the story of Orbit.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade. **1.00** BBC News: Regional News. **Weather**. **1.15** Tennis from Queen's. **5.30** A Question of Sport. (R)

6.00 **Pointless Celebrities**. Komnie Hug, Lionel Blair and Angela Rippon take part in the general knowledge quiz presented by Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman.

6.50 **BBC News**: Regional News; **Weather**.

7.10 **Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012**. Czech Republic v Poland or Greece v Russia (Kick-off 7.45pm). Gary Lineker presents one of the final Group A matches, which take place in Wroclaw and Warsaw respectively.

10.00 **BBC News**: **Weather**.

10.20 **The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws**.

10.30 **Mrs Brown's Boys**. Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll as a doting mother-of-six who constantly interferes in her children's lives. Agnes Brown tries to mend her son's relationship. (R)

11.00 **Live at the Apollo**. Alan Carr hosts the stand-up show at London's Hammersmith Apollo, introducing routines by comedians Andi Osho and Patrick Kielty. (R) National Lottery Update.

11.45 **Film: The Uninvited**. (2009) Premiere. A teenager released from a mental institution begins to suspect her mother's death in a fire was not an accident. Thriller, starring Emily Browning and Arielle Kebbel.

1.05 **Weather**. **1.10** **BBC News**.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.10** Escape to the Country. **12.40** **Film: Anatomy of a Murder**. (1959) **3.15** **Film: Goal II: Living the Dream**. (2007) **5.00** **Flog It!**

6.00 **Dad's Army**. Mainwaring and the squad get into a scrape while chasing a runaway barrage balloon. (R)

6.30 **Trooping the Colour Highlights**. The best moments from the military parade when the Colour was trooped by 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards to mark the Queen's official birthday.

8.00 **Into Orbit: A Culture Show Special**. The concept and creation of the ArcelorMittal Orbit, a gravity-defying sculpture and observation tower built to commemorate London 2012, which stands 377ft above the Olympic Park.

9.00 **Film: The Young Victoria**. (2009) In the early years of the queen's reign, she is drawn into a power struggle and falls in love with her cousin and eventual husband. Period drama, with Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend.

10.40 **TOTP2**. A selection of archive performances, including Wham!, Supertramp, the Jacksons, ELO, Hot Chocolate, and a previously unshown appearance by Emeli Sande. (R)

11.40 **Film: Perfume: The Story of a Murderer**. (2006) A mentally unstable perfumer's apprentice in 18th-century France resorts to murder to capture the perfect scent. Period thriller, with Ben Whishaw.

2.00 **Close**.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** ITV News; **Weather**. **1.30** **Film: Agatha Christie's Murder in Three Acts**. (1986) **3.15** **Film: Thunderball**. (1965) **5.40** Regional Programme; **Weather**. **5.50** ITV News; **Weather**.

6.00 **Primeval**. New series. The team battles a giant burrowing insect causing chaos across the city, while Philip hires a new lab assistant for Connor. Sci-fi adventure, starring Ciaran McMenamin.

7.00 **You Cannot Be Serious!** Alistair McGowan presents the topical entertainment show mixing clips, sketches and impressions based on the week's biggest and most talked-about sporting events.

7.30 **All New You've Been Framed!** Another selection of footage filmed by viewers on their camcorders and mobile phones, featuring a day in the life of "Prince Harry" and boys getting up to mischief.

8.00 **Agatha Christie's Poirot**. Schoolgirl Jennifer Sutcliffe becomes embroiled in a mystery when priceless jewels are hidden among her belongings. (R)

10.00 **ITV News**: **Weather**.

10.15 **Euro 2012 Highlights**. Czech Republic v Poland and Greece v Russia.

11.15 **Take Me Out**. (R)

12.15 **The Store**: ITV News

Headlines. **2.20** **In Plain Sight**. (R)

3.05 **ITV Nightscreen**. **5.30** **ITV Morning News**.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** **FIM Superbike World Championship 2012**. (R) **7.00** **Brish F3**. **7.25** **The Grid**. **7.55** **The Morning Line**. **8.55** **T4: Rock of Ages**: T4 Movie Special. **9.30** **T4: Cheryl: T4 Special**. **10.00** **T4: Made in Chelsea**: End of Season Party. **11.05** **T4: Revenge**. **12.10** **T4: The Big Bang Theory**. (R) **12.45** **T4: The Simpsons**. (R) **1.20** **Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show**. **1.55** **Channel 4 Racing**. **3.55** **Come Dine with Me**. (R) **4.25** **Come Dine with Me**. (R) **4.55** **Come Dine with Me**. (R) **5.25** **Come Dine with Me**. (R)

6.00 **Come Dine with Me**. Barry Dickman hosts the final dinner party in Nottingham, hoping his Greek-themed night, complete with traditional food, will be enough for him to win the competition.

6.25 **Channel 4 News**.

6.55 **4thought.tv**.

7.00 **Film: Sister Act**. (1992) A nightclub singer is sent to live in a convent for her own protection after agreeing to testify against a brutal gangster. Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg and Harvey Keitel.

9.00 **The Million Pound Drop Live**. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1 million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.

10.35 **Film: Patriot Games**. (1992) Political thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

12.55 **Film: Dawn of the Dead**. (2004) **2.30** **Enough**. (R) **2.35** **The Million Pound Drop Live**. (R) **4.05** **This Is J33**. (R) **4.10** **Farewell Packets of 10**. (R) **4.15** **St Elsewhere**. (R) **5.05** **Grudge Match**. (R) **5.20** **Countdown**. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** **10.00** **Inside Hollywood**. **10.05** **Big Body Squad**. (R) **11.05** **Big Brother: The Eviction**. (R) **11.05** **Emergency Bikers**. (R) **1.05** **Film: Chief Crazy Horse**. (1955) **2.50** **Film: Calamity Jane**. (1935) **4.50** **Film: Bewitched**. (2005) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell.

6.55 **5 News Weekend**.

7.00 **Cricket on 5**. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the opening fixture in the three-match one-day series, as the sides met at the Rose Bowl in Southampton.

8.00 **NCIS**. Gibbs and DiNozzo investigate the case of a retired marine colonel found murdered with an axe, and find the evidence points to his drug-addicted son. (R)

9.00 **Big Brother**. Highlights of the most recent goings-on, including the latest eviction from the housemates' point of view.

10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**. A man accused of sexual assault is adamant that he contacted the woman on a fantasy rape website, leading the detectives to suspect the victim's ex-boyfriend of setting her up.

11.00 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation**. The team takes on four challenging cases – a nightclub shooting, a prostitute found dead in a hotel, a man electrocuted in his bath and a corpse wearing an alien costume. (R)

12.00 **SuperCasino**. **3.55** **Nick's Quest**. (R) **4.45** **Rough Guide to Journeys**. (R) **5.00** **Hana's Helpline**. (R) **5.10** **The Milkshake! Show**. (R) **5.35** **Thomas & Friends**. (R) **5.45** **Roary the Racing Car**. (R)

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BBC Three **7.00** **World's Craziest Fools** **7.30** **Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012**. Czech Republic v Poland or Greece v Russia (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** **Live at the Electric** **10.30** **Russell Howard's Good News** **11.00** **Family Guy** **11.45** **American Dad!**

BBC Four **7.00** **The Blue Planet** **8.00** **Elegance and Decadence: The Age of the Regency** **9.00** **Spiral 2: Gangs of Paris** **10.50** **Entertaining the Troops** **11.50** **Top of the Pops: 1977**

ITV2 **7.00** **Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial** (1982) **6.00** **Film: Nanny McPhee** (2005) **8.00** **Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments** **9.00** **Film: Bridget Jones's Diary** (2001) **11.05** **Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights**

ITV3 **2.30** **Wycliffe** **4.05** **Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Last Free Man** (2001) **5.55** **The Butlin's Story** **6.55** **Agatha Christie's Poirot** **8.00** **Film: Parenthood** (1989) **10.30** **Lewis**

ITV4 **4.25** **Film: The Last Sunset** (1961) **6.45** **Minder** **7.45** **Film: Any Which Way You Can** (1980) **10.00** **Film: Monty Python's The Meaning of Life** (1983)

F4 **3.10** **Charlie's Angels** **4.05** **Revenge** **5.05** **How I Met Your Mother** **6.00** **The Big Bang Theory** **7.30** **Rules of Engagement** **8.30** **How I Met Your Mother** **9.00** **Film: The Full Monty** (1997) **10.50** **The Big Bang Theory** **11.50** **The Ricky Gervais Show**

Film4 **3.20** **Young Sherlock Holmes** (1985) **5.30** **P'ang Yang Kipperbang** (1982) **7.05** **Drillbit Taylor** (2008) **9.00** **Assault on Precinct 13** (2005) **11.05** **The Beast Stalker** (2008)

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SUNDAY'S TV 17.06.12

CHOICE



David Tennant (left)

True Love
BBC1, 10.25pm
When actors are asked what attracted them to a certain role, they usually insist it was the strength of the writing. However, the big names in this new series can't use that line, as they didn't even see a script. So, maybe it was the chance to work with Bafta-winning director Dominic Savage convinced them to sign up for True Love. It explores five overlapping love stories, all set against the backdrop of the same town. The first focuses on Nick (David Tennant), who appears devoted to his wife Ruth and their children – until his first love Serena reappears.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show 10.00 Sunday Morning Live 11.00 Country Tracks (R) Weather for the Week Ahead 12.00 Sunday Politics 1.00 Bargain Hunt (R) 2.00 Tennant from Queen's: The Final 5.00 Lifeline 5.10 Points of View 5.25 Songs of Praise
6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather
6.30 Countryfile The team visits the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce and the team return to Birmingham University, where items of interest include jewellery that once belonged to Princess Margaret, and a silver travelling set.
8.30 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries Lynley searches for a mysterious red-haired woman in connection with the disappearance of a diabetic schoolgirl and a youngster found drowned in a lake. Nathaniel Parker stars. (R)
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather
10.25 True Love New series. Nightly serial, beginning with a drama starring David Tennant.
10.55 Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights Denmark v Germany and Portugal v Netherlands.
11.45 Film: Alpha Dog (2006) Fact-based crime drama, starring Emile Hirsch.
1.35 Weatherview 1.40 Sign Zone: Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. (R) 2.40 Holly City. (R) 3.40 The Great British Countryside. (R) 4.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) 11.00 Rowing 12.30 Live MotoGP 2.30 Film: The Four Feathers. (2002) 4.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.00 Match of the Day Live. England v Netherlands (Kick-off 5.15pm).
7.15 Flag It! Anita Manning and Philip Serrell cast an eye over goods in Lancaster, and Paul Martin visits Morecambe Sands with Gedric Robinson. (R)
8.00 Secrets of Our Living Planet New series. Chris Packham reveals the connections between species living in some of the world's most diverse ecosystems, beginning by exploring the web of life in the Amazon.
9.00 Coast Exploring the stories and histories of Britain's beaches, including the pebble-pools of Dungeness in Kent, sand art in Jersey and a steelworks at Port Talbot. Last in the series.
10.00 Mock the Week Dara O Briain is joined by guests Nathan Catton, Greg Davies and Mickey Flanagan for another round of the satirical news quiz. (R)
10.30 Episodes Merc wants Matt to get one of his former Friends cast members to appear on Pucks!, and LeBlanc asks Sean and Beverly to write his speech for the forthcoming Man of the Year event. (R)
11.00 Film: The Hours (2002) Three women in different eras suffer similar personal crises, all linked by Virginia Woolf's novel Mrs Dalloway. Drama, starring Nicole Kidman and Meryl Streep.
12.50 BBC News 4.05 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITY Mini CITY 7.25 CITY 8.25 Dinner Date 9.25 ITV News 9.30 Ade in Britain. (R) 10.25 May the Best Horse Win. (R) 11.25 The Hungry Sailors. (R) 12.25 ITV News: Weather 12.35 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 1.35 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.35 Film: Columbo: Prescription Murder. (1968) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 4.30 Doc Martin. (R) 5.30 The Chase. (R)
6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.35 ITV News: Weather.
6.45 Emmerdale Cain tells Chas he thinks Cameron is having an affair after asking him about his "weekend in Jersey". Ashley is devastated to hear Laurel wants a divorce.
7.15 Euro 2012 Live Portugal v Netherlands (Kick-off 7.45pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage from the Metastadium in Kharkiv, Ukraine, where the teams play their final match in Group B.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Film: The Shawshank Redemption (1994) A banker wrongly jailed for his wife's murder forms an extraordinary friendship with a fellow inmate and conceives a unique escape plan. Drama, with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman.
12.50 The Store Home shopping; ITV News Headlines 2.55 Motorsport UK Highlights from Thruxton, featuring the sixth round of the Clio Cup and round eight of the Ginetta GT Supercup. With commentary by Richard John Neil and Simon Hill. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen 5.30 ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Treacle People 6.15 Ironman 2012 6.40 Football Short: Kingsmeadow 7.05 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". (R) 7.10 Cycling 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.00 Film: Speed 2: Cruise Control. (1997) 4.20 Deal or No Deal 5.20 Time Team Special: Rediscovering Ancient Britain.
6.20 Channel 4 News.
6.50 4thought.tv An atheist discusses how prayer lost its importance to him.
6.55 The Political Slot Conservative Party plans to provide more support for parents.
7.00 One Born Every Minute A midwife arrives on the ward in labour, but her hopes of a water birth are dashed when complications force a change of plans. (R)
8.00 Come Dine with Me Four people host dinner parties in Windsor, Berkshire.
9.00 Film: My Sister's Keeper (2009) Premiere. A teenager who was conceived to be an organ donor to her dying elder sister seeks legal separation from her parents. Drama, with Cameron Diaz and Abigail Breslin.
11.10 Film: Little Miss Sunshine (2006) Comedy drama, starring Toni Collette.
1.05 Camelot 2.00 The Tannery. (R) 2.05 Holyoaks. (R) 4.05 Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson "Night Swimmer". (R) 4.10 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.05 Countdown. (R) 5.50 Glamour Puds. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig 6.05 Roary the Racing Car (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) 6.25 City of Friends. (R) 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Abby's Flying Fairy School 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Family! (R) 7.35 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.35 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.05 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.20 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.35 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 10.00 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.30 Grey's Anatomy. (R) 11.25 Big Brother. (R) 12.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.30 Film: Last Action Hero. (1993) 3.50 5 News. 3.55 Film: Getting Even with Dad. (1994)
6.00 Film: Dirty Dancing (1987) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 Once Upon a Time Belle becomes a servant in the castle of Rumpelstiltskin and before long develops feelings for him – but she cannot help worrying he is cursed with evil.
9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights.
10.00 Film: Bad Boys II (2003) Comedy thriller sequel, starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence.
12.50 SuperCasino 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.45 Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D 7.20 Film: Rataouille (2007) 9.00 Plan B, Leona & Labrinth: Project Hackney 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Russell Howard's Good News
BBC Four
7.00 Behind the Scenes at the Museum 8.00 Timeshift: When the Circus Comes to Town 9.00 Make Me Happy – A Monkey's Search for Happiness 10.00 The Art of Tommy Cooper 10.30 Parkinson: The Tommy Cooper and Frankie Howerd Interviews 11.10 Timeshift: Hotel Deluxe
ITV2
3.00 Film: Dennis (1993) 4.50 Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) 6.45 Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights 11.00 The Exclusives
ITV3
3.55 Film: Forever Young (1992) 5.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 Midsomer Murders 10.05 Wycliffe. Pilot episode of the detective drama. 11.45 Cracker
ITV4
2.15 Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) 4.55 Film: Escape to Victory (1981) 7.15 Euro 2012 Live. Denmark v Germany (Kick-off 7.45pm). 9.45 UEFA Champions League Greatest Matches 10.00 Film: Full Metal Jacket (1987)
E4
3.35 Glee 4.35 90210 5.30 The Big Bang Theory 6.25 Revenge 7.25 Film: Guess Who (2005) 9.30 Rude Tube 2012 11.35 2 Broke Girls
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3.05 Ben-Hur (1959) 7.05 MirrorMask (2005) 9.00 The General's Daughter (1999) 11.15 The Black Dahlia (2006)

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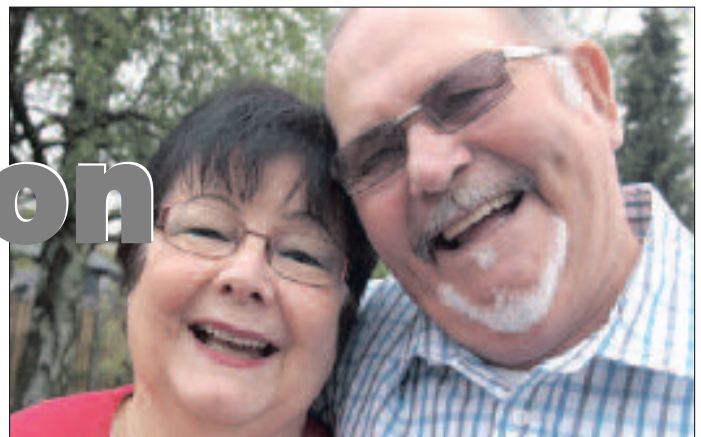
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Clive's transformation

A working union between two dental professionals is helping to bring about life-changing outcomes. Retired sales director Clive, right, with wife Margaret, was terrified of dentists. Read why now he's recommending his friends book in to see them.



A Navy nightmare is finally overcome by the power of creative dentistry

Suction solution

A CUTTING-EDGE development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is now available.

Denturist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) says the invention has the potential to improve the life quality of those experiencing long-term problems with ill-fitting teeth. The Ultra Suction teeth are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices.

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Traditional options

THE work of the Denture Clinic has found satisfied customers from as far away as Spain. Its hand-crafted dentures, made in laboratories on the premises, are known for their natural look. Clinic principal Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng), says: "I remain passionate about resolving denture problems and for many, quality, traditional dentures can bring about hugely effective results."

CLIVE was so afraid of the dentist he plucked up all of his courage and begged him to extract all of his teeth so that he'd never have problems ever again.

That was more than 20 years ago, but what the retired sales director didn't know was that his tooth troubles were far from over.

Following the extractions dentures were fitted and he no problems for a few years. It was a welcome break from the pain he had experienced and the catalogue of dental disasters he had endured.

But the natural ageing process began to take its toll and Clive experienced stability problems with the lower denture as his gums receded. For five years he endured the embarrassment of dentures, sore spots on his gums and denying himself some of his favourite foods. "It took real determination to face up to the problem and the prospect of more dental work."

Clive recalls his first dental nightmare: Stationed at Malta while in the Royal Navy, he suddenly had raging toothache the night before he was due to play in a football match.

"I'd been drinking to dull the pain but as soon as I was back on board the duty dentists was summoned. He'd been drinking too and when he injected me with the anaesthetic he broke the needle."

"I eventually had to have an X-ray so he could find where the needle was. That was me finished. I'd do anything to avoid the dentist from then on."

In recent years Clive has had four den-

ture relines to help the stability issues, but none provided a long-term solution.

Flashing his new smile and laughing heartily, Clive adds: "Things were so bad that if I turned to the right my teeth would still be facing forward."

"I can't stress how big a deal it was for me to get things sorted. I was terrified, so when I saw a piece in the paper about Steven Burchell and suction denture technology, I agreed to see him."

Clive's gum erosion was too severe for the suction system to work effectively and he decided to have implant-retained dentures. He was referred by Mr Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng), whose Denture Clinic is based at the Parkdale Dental Clinic in Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, and North Street, Dudley, to implantologist Mr

Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc. Mr Pugh, principal of the Parkdale practice, carried out the surgery and the prosthetics were hand-crafted by Mr Burchell.

Clive recalls the procedure. "I was dreading it, but all I felt was a sensation that Mr Pugh was rubbing my gums." Clive's wife, Margaret, adds: "It's true! I was allowed to sit in with Clive. We were both treated excellently."

Since having the implant-retained dentures, Clive has been able to bite into crispy apples and indulge himself with pork crackling. "I feel comfortable and confident, it's the best money I've ever spent and have recommended both Steve and Jon to friends."

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Monday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Animal Park. (R) 1.30 Weakest Link. (R) 2.15 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flap It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 8.00 Natural World: Innatural History of London. 9.00 King George and Queen Mary: The Royals Who Rescued the Monarchy. (R) 10.00 Sounds of the 70s 2 Punk - Anarchy on the BBC. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Secrets of Our Living Planet. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 A Touch of Frost. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Walton Sextuplets: Moving On. (R) 9.00 Benidorm. (R) 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Euro 2012 Highlights. 11.35 In Plain Sight. (R) 12.25 Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 4.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson 'Lone Rider'. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 Baking Mad with Eric Lanran. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Presents - Oscar Pistorius 'One Giant Leap'. (R) 1.10 Film: Damn the Defiant! (1962) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4through.tv. 8.00 Let My Dad Die: Channel 4 Dispatches. 8.30 Gok Cooks Chinese. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. (R) 10.50 A Short History of Everything Else. (R) 11.20 Random Acts. 11.25 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. (R) 12.30 The Good Wife. 1.25 The Big C. 1.55 Film: Lost in Translation. (2003) 3.30 Friday Night In. (R) 3.40 Southland. (R) 4.25 St Elsewhere. (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 Rough Guide: Ultimate Escapes. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Monkey Life. (R) 2.50 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.05 Film: The Long Shot. (2004) Drama, starring Julie Benz. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Emergency Bikers. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 The Restaurant Inspector. A struggling roadside restaurant in Somerset; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the house. 10.00 The Walking Dead. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 Sons of Anarchy. 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Royal Ascot. 3.20 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.25 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News; Weather. 7.00 EastEnders. 7.30 Holly City; BBC News; Regional News. 8.30 Inspector George Gently. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. National Lottery Update. 10.35 True Love. 11.05 Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. 12.05 Film: Highlander: The Source. (2007) 1.25 Weatherview. 1.30 Sign Zone: The Great Euro Crash with Robert Peston. (R) 2.30 Death Unexplained. (R) 3.10 Crime and Punishment. (R) 3.55 Great British Menu. (R) 4.25 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Coast. (R) 1.05 Animal Park. (R) 1.50 Weakest Link. (R) 2.35 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 3.20 Royal Ascot. Further live coverage of the opening afternoon of the five-day festival. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 8.00 Regional News; Weather. 8.30 celebrate the traditional British picnic. (R) 8.00 Ocean Giants. (R) 9.00 Great Ormond Street. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Secret History of Our Streets. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.10 Sali Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.50 Film: Slag 17. (1953) Satirical PoW drama, starring William Holden. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4through.tv. 8.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. 9.00 The Restoration Man. 10.00 All in the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry. 11.05 Random Acts. Short creative films. 11.10 Extreme A&E. 12.10 Poker. 1.15 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 1.40 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 2.05 Beach Volleyball. 3.00 British F3. (R) 3.25 The Grid. (R) 3.55 Cycling. (R) 4.50 FIA GT1 World Championship. 5.45 Ironman 2012. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Liffeline. (R) 1.40 Coast. (R) 1.50 Weakest Link. (R) 2.35 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 3.20 Royal Ascot. Further live coverage of the second afternoon of the five-day festival. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 8.00 Regional News; Weather. 8.30 History of Our Streets. 10.00 The Culture Show. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Meat Market: Inside Smithfield. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Coast. (R) 1.05 Animal Park. (R) 1.50 Weakest Link. (R) 2.35 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 3.20 Royal Ascot. Further live coverage of the fourth afternoon of the five-day festival. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 8.00 Coast. British connections to the Swedish coast. 8.30 Gardeners. 10.00 Shakespeare and Us. 10.00 Episodes. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show. 11.45 Weather. 11.50 Macbeth, the Movie Star - and Me. 12.35 Taken. (R) 2.00 BBC News. 4.00 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 A Touch of Frost. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Lewis. A student dies during a clinical trial. With Douglas Henshall. (R) 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: The High Life. (1929) 11.30 The Million Pound Drop Live. 11.35 Film: Best in Show. (2000) spoof documentary, starring Eugene Levy. 11.50 The Store; ITV News Headlines. 3.10 Film: Columbus. Ashes to Ashes. (1998) 4.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 Channel 4 Presents - Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 Quick Bakes with Eric Lanran. (R) 1.00 Film: Kim. (1950) Period action adventure, starring Errol Flynn. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4through.tv. 8.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 8.30 The Million Pound Drop Live. 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats. 10.50 Stand Up for the Week. 11.40 Random Acts. 11.45 Film: Keeping Mum. (2005) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. 1.30 Lucky Escape. (R) 1.35 My Name is Earl. (R) 2.15 A Ninja is for Life. Not Just for Christmas. (R) 2.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) 3.50 Channel 4 Presents - Liz Johnson 'Night Swimmer'. (R) 3.55 The Herd. (R) 4.00 Deal or No Deal. (R) 4.55 Countdown. (R) 5.40 Glamour Puds. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 Best Guide: Ultimate Escapes. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Monkey Life. (R) 2.50 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.05 Film: A Risk Worth Taking. (2008) Romantic drama, with Muriel Baumeister and Tim Dutton. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Cricket on 5; 5 News Update. 8.00 New Emergency Bikers; 5 News at 9. 9.00 Big Brother. Live Eviction. 10.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 11.00 10 Things I Hate About 1990. (R) 12.00 SuperCasino. 3.55 Motorsport Mundial. 4.20 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

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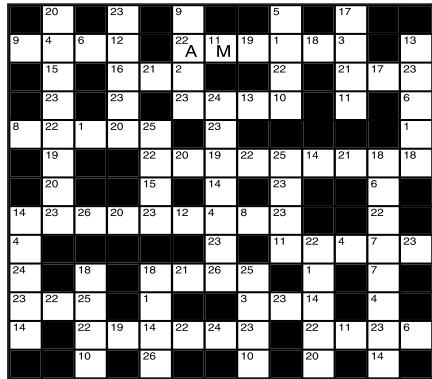
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	P	C	Q	E	I	F	L	U	K	S	A	O	J
14	X	T	Y	Z	N	H	W	B	R	M	D	V	G

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

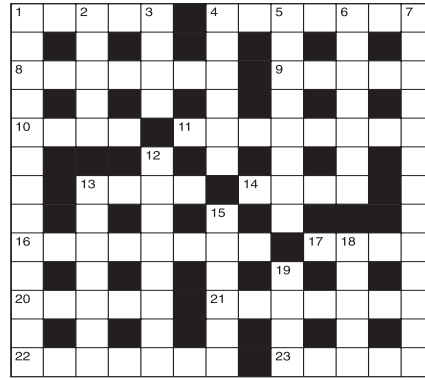
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. A possibility of power? (5)
4. Break down, strangely enough! (5,2)
8. A plant holder! (7)
9. Fully consumed some pate upstairs (3,2)
10. The others take things easy (4)
11. Such a net may become loose (8)
13. This month in Westminster (4)
14. Thunderous applause? (4)
16. It's in one's attitude, for example (8)
17. Inevitably it comes in the form of a telegram (4)
20. Fish uncooked in the middle (5)
21. Furnish with a soft tip (7)
22. Keep changing dialect (7)
23. It enables you to say when (5)

Down

1. Unable to take your mind off things? (13)
2. As medals they're unbeatable! (5)
3. He's bound to be right (4)
4. Stop a letter giving settlement (6)
5. How a sale should be organised, all things considered (2,1,5)
6. Maintains one's position - and vies with the Jones's? (5,2)
7. Where strings are pulled to produce spectacular results (6,7)
12. Dies, alas, when attacked (8)
13. Just a moment! (7)
15. Not what one expects from a good writer (6)
18. A right that is strange (5)
19. Pick out the place (4)



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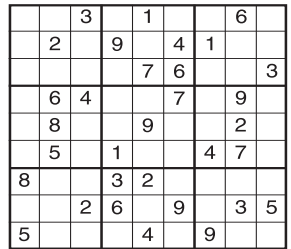
Across

1. Rage (5)
4. Defect (7)
8. Strain (7)
9. Frolic (5)
10. Leer (4)
11. Insulting (8)
13. Dumb show (4)
14. Muddle (8)
16. Reveal (8)
17. Brink (4)
20. Oneness (5)
21. Emperor's wife (7)
22. Fit of temper (7)
23. Devil (5)

Down

1. Certainly (7,1,5)
2. Cancel (5)
3. Greet (4)
4. Fruit (6)
5. Surrounded (8)
6. Stamp (7)
7. British naval hero (7,6)
12. User (8)
13. Errand (7)
15. Respect (6)
18. Vision (5)
19. Copied (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	3	7	6	5	9	8	2	4
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2	8	3	1	6	5	4	9	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Certainly; 8 Oils; 9 Count down; 10 Mob law; 11 Ethel; 14 Terse; 15 Date; 16 Omega; 18 Eats; 20 Stout; 21 Eams; 24 Dearth; 25 Extrovert; 26 Inca; 27 Pendulums. Down: 1 Committed; 2 Elaborate; 4 Envy; 5 Tenet; 6 Indeed; 7 Lawn; 9 Cameo; 11 Ewers; 12 Labouring; 13 Went ahead; 17 Asset; 19 Sacred; 22 Novel; 23 Axe; 24 Drum. QUICK - Across: 3 Endeavour; 8 Loot; 9 Parsonage; 10 Covert; 11 Synod; 14 Divan; 15 Rite; 16 Gross; 18 Tear; 20 Trade; 21 Leash; 24 Beyond; 25 Bilateral; 26 Main; 27 Sterility. Down: 1 Elucidate; 2 Convivial; 4 Neat; 5 Essay; 6 Vendor; 7 Urge; 9 Prong; 11 Sloth; 12 Disavowal; 13 Attendant; 17 Steel; 19 Repair; 22 Seal; 23 Lift; 24 Bait.

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Much interest in development

THE foundations are only just being laid but interest levels in a Kingswinford housing development are already going through the roof.

Award-winning residential property developer Selbourne Homes has been inundated with brochure requests since starting work on its latest scheme – Electric Avenue.

Situated on High Street and overlooking King George VI Park and lake, the development will offer 11 contemporary homes.

The first properties won't be completed until August but Selbourne's managing director Gavin Warr says the scheme is already attracting the attention of scores of potential buyers.

"We've had a fantastic response with

more than 150 people applying for brochures and one plot is already reserved," said Mr Warr.

"The property market may be tough, but it proves that even in the current climate there's still strong demand for realistically-priced, high-quality housing in a prime location."

Providing a mix of two, three and four-bedroom homes, Electric Avenue is situated next to the village conservation area, within easy walking distance of Kingswinford town centre and close to schools and leisure amenities.

Available in a choice of five different designs with a traditional brick exterior and a modern interior featuring a range of contemporary fixtures and fittings, each property has been designed to maximise space and comfort as well

as offer great value for money. Prices range from £135,000 for a two-bedroom terrace to £264,950 for a four-bedroom detached home, with a part exchange option available on certain plots. Each property has its own garden and the larger homes come with a single or double garage.

"From couples looking for their first home to growing families or those looking to downsize, Electric Avenue is a development that will appeal to everyone and we're delighted by the initial response," added Mr Warr.

The brochure for Electric Avenue can be downloaded from the Selbourne Homes website at www.selbourne-homes.com or you can contact The Lee, Shaw Partnership (the agents for the development) on 01384 287622 for more details.



Selbourne Homes has a new development in Kingswinford and it already get a lot of interest



The Stocking at Oretton, Kidderminster, is a magnificent Grade II listed property

The rustic charm of listed village house

A GRADE II listed village property with grounds of around an acre and located in the midst of glorious Worcestershire countryside is for sale priced at £450,000.

With origins in the early 18th century, The Stocking at Oretton, Kidderminster, has been home to the present owner for the past 22 years and has been modernised just enough to provide a home full of character and charm while still retaining its rustic origins. Separated by vertical beams and either side of the front door, the sitting and dining rooms have shuttered sash windows, high beamed ceilings and built-in cupboards, with an immense sitting room brick fireplace.

Providing a good range of base and wall-

mounted units with original bread oven, the kitchen/breakfast room has integrated appliances including an Aga, microwave combi-oven with hob and dishwasher, with further space for appliances as well as storage in the adjacent utility/dairy. There is also a shower room on the ground floor as well as access to a cellar.

On the first floor are three bedrooms with wooden floors and high ceilings sharing a family bathroom, with a further room on the second floor currently used as an office with a small store room next door which could make a fourth bedroom with en-suite subject to the usual consents. The Stocking is not far from Cleobury Mortimer with a range of services and amenities, with

the popular market town of Ludlow to the west and with more facilities for commerce, leisure and shopping in Kidderminster and Worcester. Approached off a quiet country lane to a large gravelled parking and turning area, the property's gardens have been landscaped over the years and are largely laid to lawn to the front with herbaceous and flowering borders and a small orchard. There is a greenhouse and vegetable beds as well as a large grassed area with mature trees, and several small stone buildings used for storage. There is also a further 2.18 acres of land to the north available by separate negotiation.

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Semi detached house ■ lobby, lounge, breakfast kitchen ■ three bedrooms, family bathroom ■ garage, front & rear gardens, c/h, d/g.



DUDLEY
249 WRENS NEST ROAD **£550 pcm**

Modern mid town house ■ lounge, g/fwc, breakfast kitchen with modern fitted units ■ three bedrooms built in storage to master, bathroom ■ front/rear garden, two parking spaces, c/h, d/g.



TIVIDALE, OLDBURY
18 ELM TERRACE **£500 pcm**

Traditional semi detached house ■ lounge, separate dining area, g/fwc, fitted kitchen ■ two bedrooms both with built in wardrobes ■ bathroom with fitted suite inc. shower ■ single garage, car port, front/rear gardens, c/h, d/g.



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First floor flat in popular residential locality ■ lounge, kitchen with integrated/free standing appliances ■ one bedroom with built-in wardrobes ■ bathroom with fitted suite inc. shower ■ single garage, part electric storage heating, d/g, alarmed.



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Ground floor flat ■ communal entrance lobby ■ hall, kitchen with fitted units, plumbing for washing machine ■ two bedrooms both with fitted wardrobes ■ communal gardens / drying area ■ one allocated parking space.



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Conveniently positioned first floor flat ■ lounge, modern fitted kitchen recess ■ one double bedroom ■ bathroom with shower ■ off road parking, d/g.



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Ground floor flat ■ entrance lobby, lounge, kitchen, conservatory ■ one bedroom, bathroom fitted suite ■ parking to frontage, c/h, d/g, shared rear garden/drying area.

The cold and wet should not affect your final harvest

Broadcaster **MATTHEW BIGGS**, who will be hosting Grow Your Own sessions at Birmingham NEC's Gardeners' World Live, reveals how fluctuating temperatures of spring and early summer may affect harvests this year

AS MORE people continue to grow their own, there should be no shortage of takers for Matthew Biggs's advice sessions at this year's BBC Gardeners' World Live event at Birmingham's NEC.

Biggs, a regular panellist on BBC Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time, says that the cold, wet weather of late spring shouldn't hamper crops too much, although germination will have been slower.

"Depending on the soil type you have, the cold, wet weather early on will mean that the soil will have warmed up very slowly, particularly clay which gets waterlogged. It has slowed the season down.

"A lot of people sowed and planted early. Many won't have had the germination at the time. But now everything should be germinating quickly."

Seeds sown early may have ended up waterlogged and rotting, or germination will have been erratic. But it's not necessarily too late for a second sowing, he says.

"What happens is that seeds can germinate in a matter of days in warm weather. You can catch up and redress the balance."

Bolt

The period of warm weather in late March and early April may have led to seeds germinating, but the cooler temperatures later in spring probably hampered their growth, or they may have succumbed to frost.

"Beetroot, radishes and early carrots are generally pretty hardy, but the cold can affect anything planted during the cooler, wetter period. In fluctuating temperatures, beetroot are inclined to bolt."

Tomatoes, runner beans and courgettes shouldn't be planted out until all risk of frost has passed, so savvy gardeners will have kept them indoors throughout the cold, wet spell but should be quite safe to plant them outdoors now.

"The key rule with planting out is to go by the weather, not what it says on the label.

"It may say, 'Sow from March to May', but if in March the ground's waterlogged or freezing, ignore that advice. Weather conditions dictate when you should sow seeds.

"Instructions on the packet are actually more of a guideline."

Tomatoes are susceptible to weather-related diseases such as blight, which is related to periods of warmth and humidity at the end of June. "There are some varieties such



Plenty of advice from broadcaster Matthew Briggs

as 'Ferline' and Shirley' that have some resistance, but it is only resistance and you can still get walloped. It's more of a problem in wet weather," Biggs says.

"Leaf mould can also be a weather-related problem, while splitting and cracking are cultural problems, caused by erratic watering, as is blossom end rot."

Bad

For those growing tomatoes in large pots outdoors, ideally use a multipurpose compost with added John Innes, which is a heavier, more moisture-retentive compost, he advises.

Grafted tomatoes may also be more resistant to disease, producing heavy crops early on because of their natural vigour.

Those who have sown crops later because of bad weather will have later harvests, he says, but if we now have consistently warm temperatures, they will catch up.

"There are hardy varieties of lettuce, beetroot, early carrots and peas which are bred to grow in cooler conditions.

Those early crops are normally the first ones to mature.

"For the most part, by the time you've had a long growing season, you will hardly notice."

It will be music to the ears of the many vegetable gardeners who worried the growing season wouldn't be long enough to see a good harvest.

"There won't be too much damage from this year's fluctuating temperatures," Biggs concludes.

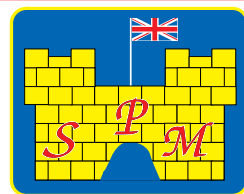
"Things will inevitably be two or three weeks later, depending on where you are in the country."

"Colder areas, which have a shorter growing season anyway, may scupper some crops but the damage should be minimal."

● Matthew Biggs will be hosting Grow Your Own Garden at BBC Gardeners' World Live, June 13-17, at the NEC Birmingham. The show will also feature Monty Don, Alan Titchmarsh, Carol Klein and other gardening favourites. For more information, call 0844 581 1340 or visit the website www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com


















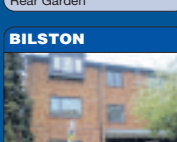
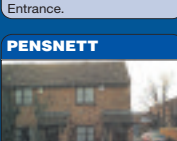







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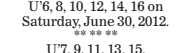
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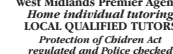
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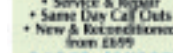
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Chevrolet in control with handy new Cruze

ECONOMY travel needn't be basic – and the latest version of the race-proven Chevrolet Cruze is the proof, thanks to the addition of a new fuel-efficient, low CO2 engine that gives the model even broader appeal to both private and fleet customers alike.

With CO2 emissions of just 117g/km, the new-comer qualifies for free road tax for the first year and a benefit-in-kind tax commitment of just 17 per cent.

Coupled to Chevrolet's traditional high specification and keen pricing, that makes the latest Cruze one of the best value five-door family hatchbacks on the road.

Yet despite its excellent fuel economy, the Cruze 1.7 VCDi offers the kind of performance you wouldn't expect from a car with such low emissions. Developing 130PS and 300Nm of torque, it accelerates from 0-60mph in 9.4 seconds and has a top speed of 124mph.

Market
Chevrolet UK Managing Director Mark Terry said: "The new 1.7 VCDi gives Chevrolet a real opportunity to compete in the core area of the five-door hatchback market, where tax implications, fuel economy and CO2 emissions are critical. Already a hit with private buyers, this new engine gives Cruze a much broader appeal to fleets and really helps underline our commitment to growth in this key business area."

With the five-door now established in the market and a Station Wagon imminent, the Cruze range keeps getting better and better, and is just what our customers and dealers are requesting."

Three trim levels will be available, with equipment identical to comparable models in the Cruze line-up. The entry-level LS, which comes with such fea-

Details at a glance

Engine: 1686cc, 4-cyl, DOHC 16v

Power Output: 130PS @ 4,000rpm

Torque: 300Nm @ 2,000-2,500rpm

Fuel Economy: mpg (Urban/Extra-urban/combined) 51.3/72.4/62.7

CO2 emissions: 117g/km

Emissions Class: Euro V

0-60mph:

9.4secs

Top Speed:

124mph

tures as air conditioning, ESC, remote central locking, follow-me-home headlamps, electrically-adjustable mirrors and electric front windows, is priced at £16,725, while the mid-range LT is £17,825.

The range-topping LTZ, priced at £18,685, is one of the best-equipped cars in its class, with standard cruise control, 17-inch alloys, auto-dimming mirror, automatic headlamps, climate control, rain-sensing wipers and aluminium-effect interior detailing.

Available initially in the five-door Cruze, a Station Wagon variant of the 1.7 VCDi model will appear later in 2012, giving the car even greater appeal to fleet and retail customers.



The Chevrolet Cruze comes in three trim levels with a top price of £18,685



The Cruze has a top speed of 124mph and can go from 0-60 in 9.4secs

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Electric Vauxhall joining in car-sharing scheme

Car-sharing company Zipcar has announced a pilot partnership with Vauxhall that sees the all-new electric Ampera join its fleet of self-service, pay-as-you-go vehicles for the next six months.

It's the first time in the UK that a car-sharing club has offered an extended-range electric vehicle (E-REV), and Zipcar members will be

able to reserve the Ampera online or using their smartphones.

European Car of the Year for 2012, the Ampera can travel free of tailpipe emissions for up to 50 miles, after which it shifts to a petrol generator that produces electricity to keep it going for an additional 310 miles on a full tank of petrol.

Because many trips taken by Zipcar members are less than 35 miles, it is anticipated that a large number of journeys will use electric power only.

Stewart Gibbs, Vauxhall's new business fleet sales manager, says: "With the Ampera, Vauxhall has brought to market the first electric vehicle that can go anywhere anytime."

"It's a vehicle designed to lower emissions and boost fuel economy, and partnering with an innovative company like Zipcar, who is committed to helping the environment, is a partnership we're delighted to be involved with."

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Stour pay price for late order run spree

Eastnor 195, Stourbridge 96.
Eastnor won by 99 runs

STOURBRIDGE seconds suffered a heavy defeat despite removing the visitors' top order cheaply.

It was Eastnor's No.9 Amjad Mahmood who turned the match round with a powerful unbeaten 61.

Stourbridge had only themselves to blame in not taking the boundary catches on offer.

Eastnor closed on 195-8 from their 50 overs. Stour's teenage opening pace prospect Ali Shah took 3-41 off 13 overs.

James Bird also did his side proud, claiming 3-13 from seven overs.

Stour's only resistance came from middle-order batsman Matt Ross who scored 24.

The innings folding in the 36th over on 96.

Stourbridge 116, Halesowen 119-8. Halesowen won by two wickets

Stourbridge thirds were just squeezed out by Halesowen. Put in to bat, Stour were dismissed for 116 in the 44th over.

Main contributors were teenagers Areeb Mohammad (21) and Matt Norgrove (20) with a bullish knock of 30 from skipper Keith Litster. Andrew Windsor took 4-28 off 10 overs.

Halesowen opener and skipper Kevin Davis managed the conditions well with 47 to put his team on the way.

Wicketkeeper Peter Arnold completed the job with an unbeaten 55 and Sam Moore (11 not out) was with him at the end which came in the 32nd over.

Cougars on the move

COSELEY COUGARS put in a solid performance to move two places up the Elite Karting League.

They had a second and a third in the sprints at Ellough Park, Suffolk and a total of nine top-10 race finishes throughout the day.

The team were rewarded by a rise in the standings from 14th to 12th of the 22 teams competing.

In the sprint races the team scored their best finish to date with second. The Cougars were 10th in the race of champions and then ninth and 17th in the endurance races.

Day to win the toss and elect to field

Worcestershire County League

and Bromyard moved up to fourth behind Oldswinford after Tom Baylis demolished Worcester.

In other games Pedmore beat 10th-placed Hagley despite Joe Lennon's magnificent effort in scoring 138 of Hagley's 207.

Coombs Wood defeated 11th-placed Colwall despite being asked to bat and thus were the only side to register 24 points. It is still very close with the top half of the table covered by just 18 points but at the foot of the table Worcester and Colwall seem a bit adrift.

In **Division Two**, there was no change of leaders despite Stourport's match at Feckenham being called off. However, Bewdley's nine-wicket success at home to Alvechurch edged them to within nine points in second. They overtook Burghill, who were hanging on a bit at neighbours Wormelow for a nervous winning draw. Elsewhere, Dominies beat Enville, Belbroughton and Rushwick had another close fought draw and Netherton beat Romsley.

Division Three's leaders

Tenbury were toppled by Stourbridge Social for who Waqas Ahmed took 9-49. However, Cookley resumed the leadership by beating Himley and Harvington drew level on points with Tenbury by thrashing Malvern.

There was a win for Alveley over Chaddesley and another for Birlingham at home to neighbours Himbleton and better news for bottom side Kidderminster as they drew at Harborne. Next week Harvington visit Cookley.

Division Four leaders Ross on Wye won at Cleobury, second-placed Avoncroft recorded a

victory at Martley. Lye beat Barnards Green and Bromsgrove squeezed a narrow win over Hanley Castle thanks to 7-21 from Paul Husbands. So it was no change at the top and with OVs' match at Old Hill abandoned they slipped to sixth.

Division Five leaders Astwood Bank lost to Barnt Green and they were joined at the top by West Malvern, who beat Canon Frome thanks to 94 from Steve Wright and 6-44 from Pete O'Connell. Claverley's match was off and there were wins for Halesowen and Amblecote who are fifth and sixth.

Hagley fail to win but keep top spot

Worcestershire County League

IN **Division One** seconds Hagley stayed top despite not quite finishing off rivals and 2011 champions Pedmore and Nomads stayed second after they beat Oldswinford by 10 wickets.

Astwood Bank were rained off, so Colwall joined them in joint third after they beat Coombs Wood despite a ton by Mohsin Khan.

Division Two leaders Cookley lost again, this time at home to Wormelow so Enville have closed the gap to just six points after beating Dominies. Worcester and Stourport are each one point further back respectively after victories.

In **Division Three**, Stourbridge Social defeated second-placed Cookley to extend their lead to 21 points and Tenbury are 13 ahead of Romsley, who were rained off.

Climbed

Division Four leaders Lye were rained off so Halesowen have a one-point lead over them after winning at Ross on Wye. Bromsgrove are third after a victory at Barnt Green. Avoncroft climbed to fourth after beating Amblecote with the day's top scorer Jon Brunt making 159 not out.

Division Five had two matches played which resulted in wins for mid-tables Claverley and Hanley Castle so Old Hill, Old Elizabethans and West Malvern still lead.

In the one-team section, Netherton's lead was cut to 28 points in **Division Six** after Knighton had a winning draw with Stone in the only game played so they moved up to second.

Division Seven leaders Stourport dismissed Kidderminster for just 37 and won by 10 wickets in eight overs so maintained a two-point lead over Oldswinford who won by one wicket at third-placed Belbroughton.

Division Eight saw yet another win for Droitwich so they lead by 11 points from Worcester who beat Hagley. Harborne are 28 points behind in third.

Division Nine new boys, Bredon thirds, won the top of the table clash at Kempsey by two wickets but still trail their rivals by five-points. Stourport fourths beat their Nomads counterparts to go third and Redditch fourths are fourth.

Legend Erik is backing bid for new stadium

CRADLEY'S greatest ever rider Erik Gundersen has joined the growing band of support for the Heathens to secure a new track in Dudley.

Gundersen, who won three world titles, saw his career ended in a horrifying track crash in the World Cup Final at Bradford in 1989.

He's lived back in Denmark since then but is all set for an emotional reunion with Heathens fans, 21 years after his Farewell meeting, in Dudley next month.

He said: "I just can't wait to get over to England and to see so many familiar faces from the old Cradley days. It was such a massive part of my life and it would make me so happy to see them back racing at their own track."

"I follow the results of the team from here in Denmark and it's nice to see them doing well and it's amazing the crowds and the following they are getting for home meetings at Wolverhampton."

Buzzing

"But Cradley, Dudley and the people deserve their own track and when I first read about the plans with the football people I thought it looked a win, win situation. It would be great if it could work out."

"I've seen how Jan O Pedersen and Greg Hancock have been left buzzing by going back there and meeting the fans from the Cradley days and I can't wait to come and do the same."

Almost 300 tickets have already been sold for the evening with the man

Dudley Heathens

known as King of Cradley at the Venue Conference and Banqueting Suite in Dudley on Friday, July 20.

General admission tickets are available at £10 with the event starting at 8.30pm. All VIP seats have been sold.

Tickets can be bought at the club's online shop at www.dudleyheathens.co.uk or by sending a cheque payable to HSSC, 2 Caernarvon Way, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2TR. For more details, contact HSSC on 07766 745681.

Heathens hit the road with two important National League meetings this weekend.

The former Cradley club go to Rye House with a full strength team on Saturday and then head to Buxton, where they've won already this season in the Knockout Cup, on Sunday.

Skipper Adam Roynon is away riding with Premier League Workington on Sunday so boss Will Pottinger is working on booking a guest replacement.



Triple world champion Erik Gundersen in track action for the Cradley Heathens in 1984.

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Check in for chess summer contest

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club are staging a programme of summer activities for existing and prospective members.

The summer tournament starts today (June 13). It is a five-round tournament using the Swiss pairing system, meaning players will be paired against an opponent with the same score.

The second round is on June 27 with the remaining ones once a fortnight.

The annual post-season friendly Tony Evers match against Halesowen will be held on July 4 at the Stourbridge Institute.

The past season brought mixed results for Stourbridge. The first team did not live up to expectations, but the seconds put in some tremendous performances.

Fielded

In the Wolverhampton league the first team were relegated from Division One to Division Two, while the second team put in a fine performance as runners-up in Division Three. They won seven matches, losing three and will be promoted to Division Two.

For the first time in many years, Stourbridge fielded a team in Division Two of the Worcester and District Chess League.

They finished second and were offered promotion to Division One but declined it. The standard of play is much higher and Stourbridge wish to field a less experienced team.

At the annual, the President's Cup for services to the club went to secretary and treasurer Dave Scriven for the eighth consecutive year.

The Denis Fernihough Trophy for most improved player went to Jeremy Humphries.

The Sydney Willets Trophy for best club player was presented to Steve Jukes.

Anyone who is interested in joining the club or playing in the tournament should contact Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk

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Sykes' driving ambition

STOURBRIDGE rally driver Richard Sykes continued his quest for the BRC Challenge rally title with second place and first in class on the Jim Clark Challenge event.

The event was due to start on Friday evening but due to delays on the other rallies ahead of the Challenge the opening stage was cancelled, with the 16-mile test at Abbey St Bathans, near Berwick, kicking things off on Saturday morning.

Sykes was quickly on the pace as the competition got under way. He caught

Rallying

and passed Richard Archer after seven miles. However, he then picked up a puncture which meant he was only fifth fastest. The puncture damaged the wing and bumper with the wheel arch liner catching fire before being put out at the finish control.

Sykes and co-driver Simon Taylor were able to change the tyre before the next stage but had handling problems after starting with slicks on the front and intermediates on the rear.

However, Sykes set some excellent times, including fastest time on the Fogo stage. By mid-event service he was up to second place on the leaderboard.

Another run of the long Abbey St Bathans stage was next and Sykes pulled the gap to first back to three seconds. However, a small error on the next stage saw Sykes 14 seconds off the lead. With championship points vital he decided to settle for second place rather than risk an accident in the last stage.



Richard Sykes on his way to the podium

STOUR SLUMP TO A THIRD LOSS IN ROW

Penn (24pts) 182-9, Stourbridge (5pts) 146. Penn won by 36 runs
PUMPED-UP Stourbridge, keen to make amends after losing to Oswestry, suffered another blow against a Penn side in desperate need of points in Birmingham League Division Three.

A third successive defeat saw Stour slide down to third place from their leading position. A thoroughly entertaining match with superb individual performances from both sides was marred by a facial injury to Stourbridge all-rounder Matt Bradley.

Fielding at short leg, he was struck in the face by a full-blooded shot from Penn's John Burrell. Bradley was rushed to hospital but escaped serious injury.

It was touch and go whether the match would be completed as overhead blanket of clouds threatened more rain.

Skipper Richard Bradley, winning the toss, took the obvious decision in putting the home team in to bat.

In the first 10 overs Penn had scored just 13 runs, losing the wicket of opener Adam Bending for three. He nudged a leg-side delivery to the diving wicketkeeper Greg Jones. Amit Sharma then went lbw for seven.

Stubborn

Left-hand opener Adam Quiney and skipper Daniel Bassett added 35 between them to consolidate before Jitesh Patel had the stubborn Quiney snapped up in the slips for 29 in his 14th over.

Stour had Penn in a stranglehold at 56-3 after 28 overs.

Bradley's injury then reduced Stourbridge to 10 men and Burrell, riding his luck at times, started knocking the ball around.

Patel having completed an excellent 17-over spell for just 23 runs and a wicket, pace man Dave Jones, left-hand leg spinner Audy Alexander and James Winders took on Penn.

Winders obliged with the wickets of Burrell having

Stourbridge CC

him caught for 14 in the 40th over with the total on 91. A partnership of 43 between Bassett and No.6 Vikal Lal saw the advantage sway towards Penn with Bassett still in full flow.

Lal fell caught and bowled to Alexander for a well made 13 before Jones struck with the wickets of the in-form Bassett for 69 and Sandeep Bhogal for 19.

With the tail eking out priceless runs, the total reached 182-9 off 55 overs as Jones took 3-65.

Stour's reply started badly as they lost Steve Game off Quiney's first over.

Jitesh Patel, promoted to No.3 in place of out of form Josh Banks put on 29 with Alexander.

The former was eventually undone playing an extravagant drive to a straight delivery from Richard Brooker and was caught by the wicketkeeper for 23.

Skipper Bradley brought the innings to an even keel while Patel played his best knock of the season.

Bradley took 14 off Brooker's ninth over including a huge six.

But as Stourbridge got within striking distance of

the Penn score, he departed lbw for 37 off the bowling of spinner Matt Briggs.

Greg Jones and Patel took the Stour score closer with a fighting partnership of 41.

But Jones ended his knock prematurely on 11 with a soft on-side catch off a full toss from Briggs.

He then struck twice more, taking the wickets of Josh Banks for two and 16-year-old Will Jennings - making his first team debut for the injured Alex Bingham - lbw for a duck.

With Stour still 44 runs adrift with three wickets standing and 19 overs remaining, hopes were pinned on the injured Bradley and Patel.

But Bradley fell lbw to Quiney without scoring and the bowler's very next ball had the unhappy James Winders trapped in front.

Stourbridge, at one stage seemingly coasting to an easy victory, were all out for 146 in the 45th over.

Twenty-year-old Patel remained not out 61 off 94 balls having battled for two and half hours.

Briggs took 6-66 off 10 overs to give his side the tonic they needed.

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Jones shut out in time blunder



Mark Jones outside the Maypole Inn in Halesowen - his UK Open dreams were soon to turn into a nightmare after missing the deadline for checking in

MARK JONES was eliminated from the PDC UK Open without throwing a dart after failing to register in time to play his third round tie.

Jones chucked away a guaranteed £1,000 in the process just for completing his scheduled fixture in the last 64 against Dennis Smith.

The mix-up began when Jones arrived at the Reebok Stadium in Bolton last Friday, only to be told by PDC officials he had

missed the deadline to play that night.

Smith banked an additional £1,000 just for being in round four, where he was beaten 9-5 by Dave Chisnall.

Jones, meanwhile, was left kicking himself while the game took place on Saturday afternoon.

The Brierley Hill darter, who plays his pub darts at the Maypole Inn in Halesowen, was coming in at the third round stage after banking £2,500 in the UK Open qualifiers.

Wickets fall before the win arrives

Hallow (5pts) 175-8, Amblecote and Wollaston (20pts) 178-6. Amblecote won by four wickets

AMBLECOTE and Wollaston survived a mini-collapse to chase down the winning target against Hallow.

The home side won the toss and put Hallow into bat on a Kinner wicket left wet by midweek rain.

The visitors struggled with the damp wicket and were restricted to 175-8, Dominic Priest the pick of the bowlers with 4-31.

Amblecote started their reply well with John Pearsall (34) and Matt Hall (45) putting on 70 for the second wicket.

A flurry of wickets put the home side in a tricky situation but Richard Hall (24 not out) and Adam Lock (21 not out) steered them home in the 49th over.

Amblecote travel to Old Elizabethans on Saturday.

Glassboys fizz at their Bucks game

STOURBRIDGE FC are to play host to a Telford side for the first time in more than 30 years.

The Glassboys have secured a home pre-season friendly against Blue Square Bet Premier outfit AFC Telford United, who are managed by former QPR, Sheffield Wednesday, Wolves and England midfielder Andy Sinton.

The warm-up will be at the War Memorial Athletic Ground on Tuesday, July 17 with a 7.45pm kick-off.

Although it's three decades since a Telford side visited Amblecote, the Glassboys did travel to the Shropshire club in September 2010 for a second qualifying round of the FA Cup which the Bucks won 5-2.

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